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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **452 Pounds of Marijuana Smuggled into the U.S. Homemade Backpacks Held Over \$158,000 in Drugs**

**Campo, California** - Over 452 lbs. of marijuana were recovered by Border Patrol agents working near Campo early this morning.

A seismic sensor alerted agents to suspicious activity along the U.S.-Mexican border just before sunrise. Agents followed a barely visible trail of footprints, broken twigs, and other clues for more than an hour through rugged and heavily overgrown terrain three miles east of Campo. With the help of a Border Patrol helicopter, seven homemade backpacks were discovered containing 201 individually wrapped bundles of marijuana. Agents combed the area, but the backpackers could not be located.

Today's efforts follow several large seizures in San Diego County. Agents working near San Clemente Tuesday arrested individuals smuggling 27 pounds of cocaine and over 50 pounds of marijuana. Since October 1<sup>st</sup>, Border Patrol agents in San Diego have seized nearly \$2.4 million in illegal narcotics.

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**Video available**